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WASHINGTON.

Probable Policy of Gen. Grant's Administration.

New Arrangements by the Commissioner of Internal

Business Failures in New York.

A Deplorable Occurrence in Pennsylvania,

Clayton's Militia on a New War

Reverdy Johnson and the Naturalization Treaty.

WASHINGTON.

Cabinet Speculations-The St. Thomas Purchase, etc. Washington, Dec. 29.—All sorts of speculations are made here, as well as elsewhere, about Gen, Grant's cabinet. The only thing he has himself aid about it, in which there seems to be any significance, was a remark he made in some general conversation about the policy of the next

be against all jobs and jobbers and for? onesty and economy in the public expendi-tures. In this connection he spoke of the interior department, saying that if the lu-dian bureau remained there, he should consider it fully important to have a good man at its head as at the head of the Treasury Department, and would put into it the best man he could find in the country, to the end that the whole corrupt ring now sheltered there might be uprooted. This was said in such a way as to leave a strong impression upon those who heard the re-

The complications connected with the St. Thomas purchase are attracting much attention in our own official circles and at some of the legations. It has become known that Seward was the first to apply to the Danish government to sell the island. Denmark refused, not wishing to part with the territory, and intimating that a could not well be done with a proper regard for her own dignity. After Russia agreed to sell Alaska this opinion changed. Mr. Seward made application and Denmark agreed to sell if the people of St. Thomas desired it, and a treaty was con-cluded. Without waiting for redification, Mr. Seward urged that Denmark should order a vote on the question. This was done, and the people agreed.

Now, although the Senate did not, ac it is understood Denmark held that in treating with this government, she should only know its executive head, and as the whole sale has been concluded on her part exactly as requested by the State Department, that our government is in honor bound to take St. Thomas. From the formal vote of the people, Denmark does not desire to take them back. The whole matter will come up in Congress at an early day. It is understood that Mr. Sumner desires the question of how far the national faith has been pledged by Mr. Sew-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has decided to allow repacking of stocks of tobacco now on hand in bulk packages into packages to conform with recent legislation by Congress, under the supervision of a government inspector.

Acting Commissioner Hailan has issued suplemental regulations intended to secure correctness in the monthly reports of assessors of the tax on distilled spirits. The acting Commissioner has also issued instructions as to the survey of distilleries. in which it is stated in estimating th number of dry inches to be allowed for fermentation the assessor and person designated to aid him must be governed in a great measure by the depth of the fermenting tube. From the best information received, it is believed a fair allowance will be from three to seven dry inches for corn and any mixture of corn and rye not exceeding one half rye to one-half corn, and from seven to twelve dry inches for rye and any mixture of rye exceeding one

The snow that fell to-day affords good sleighing.

NEW YORK.

Destructive Fire-Failures-Fish Convention, etc. New York, Dec 30 .- Prince & Back bridge's distiflery on 48th street burned

The failure of Hinds, Allen & Co., hop dealers, of Richland Springs, Oswego

county, New York, is reported. Their lin bilities are placed at \$200,000. It is thought their assets are large enough to pay the quarter part of their debts, i time is given to wind up their affairs without great sacrifice. A meeting of the Commissioners of fisheries appointed by the different States was

held last evening, at the Fith Avenue Ho tel. The attendance was very numerous. An address was delivered by one delegate from each State, on the subject of fish culture, showing that the fish in our rivers are being rapidly depleted by over spining during the spawning season. The Board of Councilmen yesterday

adopted an ordinance subscribing one million five bundred thousand dollars to the capital stock of the New York and Brook lyn Eridge Company. The rumors yesterday relative to the

failure of an up town National Bank were unfounded. A statement is made that Grant has re crived a letter advising him, as a peace measure, to appoint Jefferson Davis as his

The Blaisdell distillery case, in which a large amount of distillery property is concerned, will be tried to-day.

The Herald considers that the several failures recently reported may have been the result of extravagance and speculation as much as the effect of business mismanagement. The prospects of business with many are so nearly consumed to keep up this display that little is left to the firm wherewith to provide a margin for bad debte and like contingencies of trade.

ARKANSAS.

The Militia and Outrages at Mar.oa MEMPHIS, Dec. 30.—Reports from Mat rion, Arkansas, this afternoon represen that the militia are pursuing the same course as at Augusta, and fearing that they may be attacked, are building stockades and throwing up works around the jail. Messrs. Harvey, Crump, Tyser, Wofford, and other prominent citizens have been arrested and contined. No cause is given for the arrests. The privates wear no uniform, and it is impossible to distinguish them from other negroes, except by their arms. Passengers from Arkansas river report the belos white with cotton, which planters are unable to pick, their handhaving gone off to join the militia.

ALABAMA.

Adjournment of the Legislature # MONTGOMERY, Dec. 30,-The Legisla ture adjourns vine die to-morrow.

next sessions commence. July next.

INCIDENT AND ACCIDENT. New Yoros, Dec. 30 - A sleighing party at Jackson, Pennsylvania, last Thursday while going to an entertainment, endeavored to cross a pond on which the thick ice had been cut. The thin ice immediately let the sleigh through, and thirty

people are reported to have been drowned,

none but the driver escaping. NEW OBLEANS, Dec. 29 .- The Peruvian steamer Maranoma sailed to day to join the monitors, and will escort them to Penincide, where they will be made seaworthy. CLEVELAND, OHIO, Dec. 30 - Lewis Davie, for the murder of D. P. Stsimer, of Independence, this fall was to-day senten-

ced to be hanged Jan. 4. RICHMOND, Dec. 30. - Sallie Anderson, who was released from executive death

NEWS OF THE DAY. CINCINNATI. The Washington street tunnel, Chi-

ago, will be thrown open to the public

A New Orleans dispatch announce

the sinking and probable loss of the steamer St. Nicholas, on Red river.

vehicle bearing that name, with three

wheels, that is said to work like a charm.

It is claimed by Senator Morton that

majority of the Senate Committee have

already informally pronounced in favor of

his bill for redeeming the legal tender

One of the committees appointed to in-

estigate the frauds in the Auditor's of-

fice at St. Louis, states that forgeries

\$120,000, committed during the past four

The New York Tribune says that no

less than two hundred thousand persons

who have no work, no real homes, and

Edward, Lanham & Long, proprietors

f the Paschal House lottery scheme,

have been arrested in St. Louis on com-

plaint of Mr. John King, for selling lot-

tery tickets in violation of law. They

The Dearborn Theater, which opened

at Chicago two weeks ago, has suspend-

ed operations, the mis-management having resulted in a fallure. Manager

Aiken, of the Museum, has leased it,

and will shortly transfer his company

Velocinede building has now become

one of the established industries of Paris.

There are not only separate manufac-

tories of the article, but one, engaged in

finishing the iron work alone, employs

The lifeless body of W. Saladin, a

prominent brewer of Chicago, was found

uspended from the ceiling of his brewery

Monday morning. No cause is assigned

for the act. It is known that his busis

ness was good, and his domestic relations

Judge Busteed, whose official action in

the State of Alabama is shortly to be the

subject of investigation in Washington.

announces that he is totally opposed to

the removal, for any cause, at any time,

of disabilities from any and all persons

The supervisor of revenue for Ken-

tucky reports that the revenue officers are

generally performing their duty well

that but few persons attempt now to de-

fraud the government, and that the

amount of tax collected, under the new

law, is about double that collected under

Gen. Donaldson. Chief Quartermast

of that military division, has addressed a

St. Louis, suggesting that the standard of

Missouri river steamboats be raised, and

indicating that unless this be done, and

liminished, the government will look for

other avenues by which to supply its

George W. Frost, General Superin

tendent and Purchase and Supply Agent

of the Pacific railroad, has announce

that the Pacific railroad would be opened

to San Francisco June 4: that rails are

being laid at the rate of seven miles a

lay; that forty-five sleeping cars and

sighteen dining room cars had already

The statement of the trade of Chicago

or the year 1868, shows that the re-

ceipts of wheat have been 24,000,000

oushels; corn, 25,000,000 bushels; other

een ordered for the accommodation

the grand opening excursion party.

military posts.

who engaged in the late rebellion.

250 hands, and turns out twelve vehicles

were released on bail.

are now within sight of that city's steeples

Vicksburg, on Christmas day.

en New Year's Day.

A Terrible Murder and Suicide. CINCINNATI, Dec. 30 .- A horrible mus der and suicide took place in this city this morning at 2 o'clock. Wm. Ashback killed his wife, Josephine, by blows on the head with a hatchet and stabbing her once in the left side with a butcher knile. He then shot himself through the head with-an Enfield rifls, the ball taking away the back part of his head and scattering his brains all over the room.

CALIFORNIA.

Heavy Selzure of Opium-Japanes Consul,

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The custon officers have seized a quantity of opium valued at \$40,000, for violation of the revenue laws. The drugs were brought from China by the Great Republic. An attempt was made to smuggle them Charles Wolcott Brooks, Japanese con-

sul to San Francisco, started overland for Boston to-day.
Capt. Emerson, of the ship Kingston, died on the voyage from Bombay. He is a native of Bucksport, Maine.

The New House of Commons-The American Minister Makes Another MANCHESTER, Dec. 30 .- The house of William Brenner & Co., heavy dealers in manufactured cottons, suspended yesterday. They had extensive connections in Am-

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Hon. Stafford H. Northerale succeeds the Earl of Kimberly as the Governor of the Hudson Bay Com

The new House of Commons met yester day for preliminary business. Only the Ministers who were reelected took the oath of office. Writs were issued for elections to fill vacant seats, after which the House

adjourned until the 16th of February. Reverdy Johnson, in a speech re-terday to a deputation of the London Workingmen's Society, said the naturalization between the United States and Great Britain, was certain of ratification by the United States Senate. The treaty provides that a British subject who has een naturalized in the United States, shall have the same rights to protection on his return to Great Britain as a native born American.

It is the general impression that the conservatives will be successful in the elections for members of Parliament to fill

THE EAST. The Proposed Compromise and War

like Preparations. Panis, Dec. 30.—Official papers speak onfidently of the meeting and success

LONDON, Dec. 30 .- The following dispatch from Constantinople, dated the 29th, omprises the latest news on the Eastern question: Great preparations are making in the arsenals on account of the threatened war with Greece. Transports laden with supplies have been sent to Habart Pascha's fleet.

SVIENNA, Dec. 30.-The Presse says the the recent demands made by Turkey and supported by the great powers of Europe.

SPAIN.

Troops to Suppress Insurrection. MADRID, Dec. 30 .- The government will dispatch 10,000 soldiers from Cadiz to Cuba and Port Rico during January. For he purpose of reducing the Budget for the coming year, a suppression of thirty-seven of the Captain Generalships, Governorshisp and Bishoprics has been suggested.

OUBA.

Grapevine War News. HAVANA, Dec. 30 - The Diario pub shes rambling accounts of an unimportant success of the troops over the revoluionists. No authentic advices received rom revolutionary sources. A romor is n circulation that the revolutionary General, Ouizado landed with arms and men at Laguyra from Nassau.

intercepted by Nolan, who had his pistol

in his hand. Firing at once commenced,

but by whom begun our informant could

not tell. Two of Blevins' shots took effect

in Nolan's breast and one in his stomach.

The wounded man attempted to gain the

hotel near by, but fell. He was carried

into the house and the balls were ex-

tracted. His wounds, we learn, were pro-

The parties, we learn, had previously been

Barning of the Olympic Theater in

We made mention several days ago o

and burning slowly, ignited it.

old, is not worth more than \$600

estimated at \$60,000.

The entire theater, including scenery,

Several adjoining buildings were de-

PERSONAL ITEMS.

hicago Monday en route for Omaha.

way of disposing of an uncongenial part-

S. Augustus Mitchell, E.q., the cele-

brated map publisher and genial Chris-

Sunday last. He was a native of Bris-

tol, and his age was about seventy-five.

A Rhode Island horse fancier, who

thought he knew a thing or two, recently

swapped a white horse for a cream-rol-

ored one, paying something "to boot."

More recently he traded off his cream

horse, paying "boot" again. Very soon

color for a beautiful glossy coal black

ounced mortal. Elevins escaped unhart.

grains, 17,000,000 bushels. Hogs, 1,950, Another Tragedy in East Tennessee 000 head; cattle, 323,850 head. The We regret to learn, says the Knoxville quantity of wheat mentioned includes Press and Herald of Tuesday, that on Sunour reduced. It is greater by several nundred thousand bushels than ever be day night last a Christmas revel was brought to a tragic conclusion at Mosay Gen. Rousseau has ordered Brevet Creek. Mr. Robert Blevins, of Hawkins Maj. Gen. R. B. Ayers, Lieut. Col. county-being on a visit to his relatives at wenty-eighth infantry, acting Assistant Mosey Creek-Mr. Wm. Nolan, an eminspector General, Department of Louployee of Mr. Jno. R. Branner, and others siana, to proceed via Memphis, Tennes of their acquaintance, on Saturday had ee, and White river, to Little Rock,

been indulging in the festivities of the Arkansas, and to such points in the State of Arkansas as are reported in a disturbed season together. During the day, someondition, and to examine into and make time, Nolan became highly incepsed at report concerning the same. young Blevins, for a supposed intentional A Washington dispatch has it that the burt he had inflicted upon him and Republican Congressmen are in a lively made repeated threats that he would be ight over the Speakership of the fortyavenged. He was armed with a pistol and first Congress. Banks declines to be a candidate, and Schenck, if he can't go sought on Saturday evening to bring about a into the cabinet, prefers to continue difficulty, but was avoided by Blevins. On Chairman of the Ways and Means Com Sunday, however, as Blevins was preparing mittee. The contest is therefore marto take the train to return home, he was rowed down to Dawes, of Massachusetts,

> apparently in favor of the latter. It is said that the statement of the pub debt for the month of December will show an increase of between two and three millions. It has been published erroneously that the debt has been decreased about eight millions. The interral revenue receipts have been about the average at this season, but the custom receipts have fallen off slightly. The War Department expenses, owing to the Indian difficulties, bave been largely increased.

and Blaine, of Maine, with the chances

RELATIONS BY MARRIAGE. A great many complex relationships the burning of the Olympic Theater at me about by marriage. We have heard of the mother and daughter who New Orleans. The fire was discovered married brothers, and who therefore adamong the scenery, toward the rear of the dressed each other as sisters; and also of stage, and before the alarm could be given, the young man who, on being asked b the judge whether he had a father and had enveloped the entire place. The New mother, said he wasn't quite certain Orleans Times says that the disaster is supwhether he had or not: first, his father posed to have originated from a firedied and then his mother married again, cracker thrown on the stage by a disorand then his mother died and his father derly member of the audience. It exmarried again, and now he didn't know exactly whether they were his father ploded, and the fragments were put out by and mother or not. But Dan Bryant, at members of the company; but it is now the minstrels, tells of the most complex thought the pieces flew among the scenery, family ever known, something in this "I married a young widow who lived with her step-daughter. My wife was therefore the mother-in-law and wardrobe, furniture and the saloan fixtures daughter-in-law of my father. I am the were destroyed. The wardrobe is valued ster-father of my mother-in-law, and my at \$2,000. The scenery being somewhat wife's step-daughter is my step-mother Well my step-mother-that is to say my father's wife and my wife's daughter stroyed, and the total loss from the fire is had a son. He is my step-brother, course, but being the son of my wife's step-daug'iter, my wife is, of course, his grandmother, and I am his grandfather as well as his step-brother. George Francis Train passed through wife also has a boy. My step-mother is onsequently the step-sister of my boy A Cleveland Judge has decided that and also his grandmother, because he is otes given for debts incurred at "drawthe child of her step son, and my father poker" are void, and cannot be colis the brother-in law of my son, who is e son of my step-mother. I am my mother's brother-in-law, my wife is the point two miles above Clarkesville, A citizen of Indiana, who has had the aunt of her own son, my son is the experience of eight wives, says divores grandson of my father, and I am my own are much cheaper than funerals as a

grandfather." In a recent French press trial, one of the lawyers urged that there should be more calmness and gravity in French tian gentleman, died in Philadelphia on politics, saying that in America the the Mexican side, were present. George people prepared themselves for an elec-

tion by several days fasting. Jenus C Brows, of Somers, Conn. having lost five sheep by foxes, poisoned one of the carcasses with strychnine, and on the following morning found four exes lying beside the dead sheep.

sentence by Judge Underwood, and after-wards reasted by the Mayor, is finally set free. The county authorities made no set free days ago along the Missouri river, about twenty five miles below also chose their time well, as nearly all points, and his report unreliable.

MEXICAN BANDITTI SACK A TEXAS TOWN.

Murder of Two Inspectors.

Village of Clarksville Plundered

Dr. W. A. McCracken, of Springfield, Attack on the United States Cus-O., one of the proprietors of the Springtomhouse. field Advertiser, died suddenly in Paducah is suffering with the velocipede mania. A citizen has invented a

Particulars of the Raid.

From the New Orleans Picayune, Dec. 24 We publish below the particulars of a urderous raid, made by a party of Mexican robbers, last Friday evening, on had been discovered to the extent of the village of Clarkesville, Texas, at the mouth of the Rio Grande. The particulars were obtained from a passenger, who reached our city last night, on board of the Texas steamer I. C. Harris. On Friday evening, December 18th, at

half-past eight o'clock, the village of Clarkesville, at the mouth of the Rio Grande, Texas, was attacked by a band of Mexican robbers, (among whom were two negroes,) who killed Mr. George T. "The Indians were naturally under the impression that I was responsible for the outrage, but, after they fully understood my position, I became, at their request, their agent, and they have re-Hammond and William H. Phelps, and seriously wounded Mr. Robert R. Ryan. newed the confidence they had in me previous to the Sand creek murder, trust-They first rode to a small out-house, attached to the premises of Mr. Charles ing me implicitly up to the time of Gen. Frost, which was used as a lodging place for some mechanics who boarded there. lancock's memorable expedition, they then having received assurances from me that Gen. Hancock would not harm them, Here they found Mr. Harry Marquart, and seeing me with him, whom I had whom they made prisoner and placed a guard over, telling him that if he moved been induced to accompany, under assurances from himself that his mission was or attempted to give any alarm he would a peaceful one. Upon the destruction of be shot. Three of the party then rode their lodges, and other property, again they naturally inferred the fault was to the small building occupied as a Cus-tomhouse, and found Mr. R. R. Ryan, mine, and some time after, while in the Acting Deputy Collector, standing at the They addressed him in Spanish performance of my duty among the several times; he replied in English that

kirk, and getting on his horse, rode out-

side the fence, where he stopped. Mr.

leorge T. Hammond, one of the mounted

vening at Mr. William Clark's house.

Having heard several pistol shots fired

and thinking Captain Selkirk's family

would be alarmed at it, he (without

through a side door to Captain Selkirk's

aid it was not so; that they were rob-

time hiding behind the fence. Ham-

mond a ked if they had any arms in the

house. Mrs. Thornham said they had

omply with her request, and had only

assed the door when he was fired at.

le then ran toward Mr. Clark's house

and fell at the steps, wounded through

While Mr. Hammond was at Capt

selkirk's house, three of the robbers had

ntered Mr. Clarke's, where they only

ound Mrs. Clarke and her children

They asked here where were the mon

She replied there were no men in the

house. They pointed their pistols at her

and demanded her money and jewelry

She said she had none. They the

made her unlock and empty out all her

trunks, etc.; they broke open all that she

did not unlock. In one of the trunks

the property of one of the boarders, they

Clarke's trunks and filled it with every

As they were plundering, Hammond

who had fallen wounded at the door

locked, went to the window, and finding

that well fastened, he broke part of the

sash with his pistol and then galloped off

The robbers in a body, then rode to-

ward the warehouse and office of Capt.

looper had heard the firing, and was

about starting to see what was wrong,

accompanied by Mr. William Kelly.

when he saw several horsemen approach

halt, and demanded, "Who comes there?"

ng. He immediately ordered them to

They replied, "Friends;" but as they

lid not look like friends, Capt. Cooper

and Mr. Kelly presented them with the

contents of their revolvers. They re-

turned the fire, and looked for a place

through which they might gain admit-

tance, as a strong fence had been put up

around the premises by Capt. Cooper,

only a few deys previous. Not having

counted with meeting with any resist-

same fire, and as the firing and cries for

people on the Mexican side, several of

whom were coming over to the assistance

of the inhabitants, the robbers role off,

out, and the robbers were traced to a

The bodies of the murdered men were

habitants of Clarkesville and Brazos

Santiago, together with all the United

States officers, together with many from

T. Hammond was twenty-six years o

age, and leaves a wife and child to mourn

his loss. He had written for his family,

who were looked for by the next steamer

from New Orleans. William H. Phelps

was nineteen years old, a native of West

Virginia. They were both highly es-

teemed and much respected for their

taking their plunder with them.

Mexico.

many virtues.

hing of value that they could find.

\$500. They took one of Mrs

oth legs.

the building.

Indians, I came near losing my life in he could not understand what they said. On the 11th of March, 1867, I ad One of them drew a pistol and pointed it dressed Col. Wyncoop an official letter at his heart. Ryan seized the pistol with setting forth the object of the contem-plated visit to the Plains; and on the 22d one hand and with the other got hold of the Mexican by the throat, when another of the same month, another on the same of the party ran behind Ryan and broke a heavy pistol over his head, which felled subject, informing him that since my him as if dead; believing him so, the communication of the 11th, my orders in Mexicans entered the building and found Mr. W. H. Phelps, a night inspector of modified, and that we would make no decustems, sitting on his cot; without word of warning they all fired at him, and mands upon his tribe for past offences, but in the future would require a certain course of conduct on the part of the he fell. After he had fallen they cut him in eight places and most borribly mangled Indians which had been dictated to me his body. Ryan who had been left at in my instructions before I set out on the the doorway, recovered his senses and expedition; and that if depredations or made his escape. He was seen, however, outrages were committed by the Indians and five shots were fired at him; happily thereafter, we would punish the offending tribes. they all missed their aim, and he suc-

ceeded in hiding himself in the stables of Mr. Frost. While this was going on, The night before the expedition marched from Fort Larned, April 12, 1867, I held a "talk" with Tall Bull and one of the party rode up to the house of Capt. James Selkirk; dismounting, went | White Horse, two young chiefs of the ip to the front door and knocked. Mrs. "Dog Soldiers," (Cheyennes) in Colonel Thornham, Capt. Selkirk's daughter, Wyncoop's presence, when I told them in went to see what was wanted, and asked distinct terms what would be the consethe Mexican what he knocked for; he requences if they continued to commit murders and other outrages upon the plied that he wished to see Capt. Selletter to the Board of Underwriters of kirk, as he had a letter for him from the whites. This "talk" is on record. I never departed in my actions from the Governor of the State. Mrs. Thornham tenor of the letters referred to addressed suspected that something was wrong, and to Col. Wyncoop, dated March 11 and told him Capt. Salkirk could not be seen. the risk of transportation on that river be as he had gone to bed; that she would 22, 1867, nor from my declarations to the approval of the American people. chiefs Tall Bull and White Horse, at give him the letter in the morning if he would leave it with her. He refused to Fort Larned. On the 18th of April I issued an order let any one have it except Captain Sel-

which clearly set forth why I directed the destruction of the village. The murders and depredations committed by the Indiana aspectors of Customs, was spending the | who had left that village a few days before are stated in said order. expresses that those murders and depre dations were committed after I had arrived at the village, and when the Inknowing the cause of the firing) went dians knew perfectly well my intention to punish any new hostilities on their ouse, and told Mrs. Thornham not to be part. The fact of these murders never rightened, as it was a party of men has been, and cannot be disputed. The iring for amusement. Mrs. Thornham the terms of my letters to Col. Wynkoop of the 11th and 22d March, was not bers, and that one of them was at the therefore violated by me.

My orders required me to go among the Indians with a sufficient force, to talk with them, to inform them that war or not, and requested Mr. Hammond to go peace was optional with them, and to and inform Capt. Jos. Cooper that there punish on the spot any new acts of hos-were robbers around. He went out to tility. They committed new acts of hospunish on the spot any new acts of hos tility almost in my presence by killing and burning our people, and I destroyed their village as a punishment therefor My action in the matter met the approval of my commanding officer, Lieut Gen. Sherman.

In conclusion, I may add, that the In dian Bureau, through its agents, has charged me with inaugurating the Cheyenne war of 1867, by destroying their villages, notwithstanding the fact that my orders for the destruction of the same expressly sets forth that it was a punishment for acts of war committed by the Indians belonging to that village a few days before. I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WINFIELD S. HANCOCK, Major General U.S. A. INDIANA HORRORS. nother Frightful History of Crime

lragged himself in, and was crawling un From the New Albany Commercial, Dec. 29. ler the bed when he was seen by th It seems that Jackson county is not Mexicans, who cried out, "Kill himalone the resort and headquarters of kill the ---," and took hold of him by gangs of robbers and murderers. Benthe feet and dragged him out. Ham ton county is equally notorious for the nond cried out, "I am already killed." crimes committed of late years by a gang Then each of the party shot at him, and of cut-throats, having their headquarters frawing their knives, cut him in seven in Pine township, near Rainesville. A places, killing him immediately. They gentleman writing from Rainesville, Dec ook his boots, hat and coat off, and left 24, gives the following account of th doings and tragic death of the chief of this The same man who had tried to gain gang of robbers and murderers and his Imission to Capt. Selkirk's made anfamily, and some other items of interest. ther attempt, and, finding the door

A few days before we got out to th Ridge, some men went to the house of a man named Shafer and shot him, killing him instantly. He was a very bad man, harboring horse thieves and stealing for oseph Cooper, some distance off. Capt. | a living.

horse-thief to his cabin. They inquired of this man Shafer if the thief had been there, and were told that he had not, but one of his little girls said the thief had been there. So the pursuit was continued and the thief caught. Shafer and his wife then took their little girl out into a huckleberry patch and cut her throat for telling about the thief. Shortly after this it was found out that Shafer was sheltering thieves and murderers, and he was sent to the State prison for one year. While there his wife took sick with fever. During her delirium she would say, "Oh, how the little thing screams ! ance, they next tried the rear of the The murder of her little daughter was house, but here they were met with the working on her mind. She never recovered, but passed to her final and terrihelp had attracted the attention of the ble account. After her death her hus band came back, lived alone, and carried on the same as before. So three men concluded to put him out of the way. They went to his cabin one evening with Scouting parties were immediately sent a well-loaded shot-gun. The old fellow Mary, Mary! You may imagine the was getting his supper, when one of them effect the words produced on those sit shot him in the back with twenty-two where they had crossed the river into swan shot. The next day a man went to his cabin and found him dead. Since this three more of the same stripe have left for fear they would be served in the nterred the evening following. The in-

same way. More combs are made at Milan, Italy han any other town. That city uses, in this important industry, 4000 horns per week, or 208,000 per annum. These horns are mostly obtained in Italy, but a portion are obtained from South Ame-

A was in Eath, New York, attacked his wife with a knife the other day, threatening to kill her, because she had t sen baptized against his wishes.

the entire male population of Clarkesville THE MISSING PROCLAMATION. were over the river at Bagdad, on the A Remarkable Statement. Mexican side, where they make it a

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1868.

practice of spending the evenings.

No further trace of the robbers had

been found up to noon of Sunday, at which time the steamer left for New

THE INDIANS.

Letter from Gen. Hancock-His Reply

to Col. Wyncoop.

From the Washington Express, Dec. 25 The communication which we print be low contains a most remarkable statement, which cannot fail to create a marked sensation. The writer of it is well known to and esteemed by us, and we have every confidence in the reliabils ity of his statements :

New York, Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1868.— To the Editor of the New York The New York Sun ventilates a state- to reiterate his demand for the repeal of nent by E. A. Poliard of the secret ex- the civil tenure act, as the recent utter-Times: On the 19th instant your paper istence of confidential records of the arco he made to that effect stands uncontained a letter from E. W. Wyncoop, United States Indian Agent for the may be readily believed, and that they among all the party. The dispatches Cheyennes, Arapahoes and Apaches of the Plains, addressed to the Commissioner will be ultimately discovered is equally probable. But this mere statement and | tempting to hush up the conceded difof Indian Affairs, resigning his (Col. belief is not my purpose. I desire to call attention to other "missing records" | dent elect and Congress on the subject Wyncoop's) agency, and giving his rea-sons therefor. That portion of it ex-pressing or implying that I committed a from the archives of the government of are sent under orders, for the purpose of the United States; or, it they be not missing, to the fact that the public seems breach of faith in my intercourse with him at the time of the destruction of the to have no knowledge of them, and I am Chevenne village on Pawnee Fork, April but too well convinced that the states 19, 1867, is entirely unwarranted by the ment I am about to make will, in some quarters, awaken a smile of incredulity; facts of the case, as the official documents in others, a fear of further disclosures presented herewith will show. Col. while the general public will give neither Wyncoop states as follows, in his letter thought nor attention to it.

It will be remembered that on the in-anguration of Mr. Lincoln South Carolina elect will hurry back several days deputed three commissioners to negotiate (to be concise) terms of separation, and settle up the business of the partnership, as far as that State was concerned. Of course, Mr. Seward sought to gain time for the new Administration, and refused to see or acknowledge them officially, etc., but still lured them to remain At last they dispatched to the Executive of their State belief in the utter hopelessness of peaceful solution, and announced their purpose to leave the capital. This resolve was not executed simply because Judge Campbell was authorized to say that if their departure was delayed results might be obtained they little hoped for. On this hint they lingered, but only to be disappointed and then they took their departure.

If the reader has noticed the overture of Judge Campbell to delay the commis sioners, he will suppose that gentleman had some ground for his opinion, and had are stated to me, by one of their number, reasonable assurance that a happy issue, in his judgment, would grow out of the delay he craved. What these grounds reference to the expedition had been and assurances were can only be conjectured; but they must have proceeded from high official sources; and, viewed in the light of what I am about to say, and which is true as demonstration, makes conjecture reality.

Shortly after the breaking off of effort to avert the dire catastrophe of war a gentleman having free access to the private office of President Lincoln repaired to the capital of South Carolina and deposited with a high official of that State a manuscript proclamation by President Lincoln, duly prepared and ready for his signature, announcing to the American people that, rather than plunge the country in civil war, the executive gov office. They tell him in substance to little girl about six years of age, has ernment of the United States acquiesced the dismemberment of the Union With this was a column editorial, in slip form, with corrections, supposed to be Mr. Lincoln's, reciting freely the words of the instrument, vindicating the Executive act, and challenging for it the This is my statement of the mis

expectations that a rupture would come, record. That it was not issued was due are as silent in advice as they are to the intense feeling evolved by the lacking in sympathy. Between the firing on the Star of the West. Congressmen who openly defy Grant's A few questions and I have done 1. Was the knowledge of the pre submit to it, are a middle party who seek to solve the trouble by having the fortieth Congress speedily adopt M.

serve evidence of the existence of this only in the mind of the Secretary? 3. Who prepared the editorial de ence of the proposed proclamation? I will not defy contradiction of the statement herein made, but from personal inspection of both documents, and certain remarks inherent in the second, 1 system. It is certain that Mr. Jenckes

ER. LINCOLN ON THE CAPTURE OF

A correspondent communicates to the New York Commercial Advertiser the following incident : An incident in the life of President

tice. On the day that intelligence reached Washington of the taking Mason and Slidell from the English Trent, the writer called at the White House to introduce two English friends. who had been with him on a short trip through the Western and Southwestern States, and who were desirous of an in troduction to the Chief Magistrate of the nation before their return, by way of Washington, to New York, whence the designed to ship for England. It was on a Saturday, about 3:30 P. M., when after waiting for a short time, in consequence of the President being engaged, we succeeded in obtaining an interview. Upon my apologizing for trespassing after the usual hour for receptions, he replied: "Not at all, my good sir, I am very happy to see you and your friends," accompanied by his usual warm grasp of the hand. After a few observations in reference to the Western country hoping my friends had derived much gratification from their tour, etc., the President said : "I presume, gentler you have heard of our taking Mason and Slidell from the English steamer Trent

(the intelligence of which had reached him only a few hours before.) friends on the other side of the water will not like this." After a pause : "Well suppose we shall have to give them up," adding, with evident glee, "but in the mean time we will take good care of them." Thus, with a high sense o honor and international law he determined his course of conduct the moment the occurrence took place, and when we consider the outcry of the press genera ally as to what was to be done in the premises, accompanied by such exclamations as "Give them up-never!" his action in this matter reflects another instance of his absolute honesty of pur-

pose and high sense of honor EXTRAORDINARY RECOVERY OF SPEECH physician sends the following to the Dundee (Scotland) Advertiser: man aged forty years, named David Conflacher, who had been deaf and dumb for more than thirty-five years, was seized for the third time with paralysis. From the first there was no hope of his recovery, and he died twenty-four hours after his seizure. Nearly ten minutes before his death he rose up in his bed, and distinctly said, clear and plainly: 'Oh, Mary, ting in the room hearing one speak who had been so long a mute-his sister fain ted outright, and others were panicstricken at the unusual occurrence Then he became unconscious and died."

THE New York correspondendent of the Boston Post says that Miss Susan B. Anthony and Miss Anna Dickinson are accomplished riders on that most fascinating of vehicles, the two-wheeled velocipede. Charles A. Dana, formerly Assistant Secretary of War, and now be connected with any number of dials editor of the New York Sun, is said to and indicators, in the same building, or lead all the boys of New York in the even along the whole line of railway. same accomplishment.

GRANT AND CONGRESS. Progress of the Fend-Troubles of the

Radicals-Who Shall be Master of the Situation ? Correspondence of the New York World WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 .- Gen. Grant yesterday expressed himself satisfied that Mr. Conkling's bill repealing the act of continuous session would never come to a vote, and that his wish for the fortyfirst Congress to assemble in March would be regarded. He took occasion

from this city to the Radical papers atference in sentiment between the Presipostponing disclosures in the hope of adusting divisions. Here in Washington the issue Gen. Grant has created is as much a matter of common fame as the existence of the Potomac river. One of the results of this feud in the unhappy family has been to shorten the intender

do, and with him will come Wilson from the East, Wade from the West, who, with Trumbull, Sherman, Kelley, and Conkling, are to find out, through Washburn, if possible, exactly what Grant wants, and then what less he will accept. It is announced now, almost officially that a caucus is to be held on the night of the 4th of January. Indeed, it is de-clared that a call for one has been confidently sent to all the Radical members under the franks of Schenck and Morgan, of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee. By a single demand for repeal of the Civil Tenure bill, followed by no reiterated or other subsequent demonstrations, General Grant's ultimatum has gained force and favor among many who counsel peace. Those of the Senators who can be counted on

four years to do it in. Conservative Con-

by its provisions not only can the bes

qualified be secured for office, but that

the strife for supremacy between the

executive and the legislature can be

merged into support of a measure which

will realize the best theories ever enter-

tained in reference to our administrative

will be here a week before the expiration

of the recess to press the stimulated movement in behalf of his measure. It

can be shown, however, that the bill can

not pass this session. Too many things

Grant nor the foes he has raised up are in

to be Messrs. Henderson, Ferry, Freling huysen, Grimes, Sherman, Merton, R. Dixon, Anthony, Sprague, Fessenden Trumbull, Doolittle, Fowler, Sawyer, o South Carolina, at least, together, of course, with all the Democratic members. It is undentable, however, that Messrs. Morgan and Sumner have taken advantage of each being in town during the recess, to co-operate in producing a sentiment against the repeal of the law in any event. During the week Bingham, Blaine, Boutwell, Wilson of Ohio, Farnsworth and other leaders will be on hand to reinforce the opposition to repeal. The occurrence of the feud has been the pretext on which more than two thousand letters have been penned to Grant from "sovereigns" in and some out of

gressmen and statesmen generally, including the President, have just stood still looking at the growth of this division, and while grimly vindicated, as well in their long protests against the shackling of the Executive as in their

paration of this document the foundation of the request of Judge Campbell that the commissioners should not depart? 2. Does the State Department preto declare that Mr. Colfax and Ger paper, or has all trace disappeared, save

affirm their genuineness as confidently as belief in the existence of my being Yours. PACOLET.

are in prospect, and time is too short. More than this - a majority of the Radical members would not dare vote for the bull in the situation in which they stand to those who elected them. Then neither

Lincoln is worthy to be recorded, as favor of a compromise, however much showing his high sense of honor and justhey like the civil service bill. THE ALABAMA CLAIMS. What Congress will Demand of England, and What Concede, Correspondence of the New York Post. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26,-Since it has become known that the negotiation for the settlement of the Alabama claims has agreement which would be ratified by the Senate if sent to it by the President Many prominent Senators, including members of the Committee on Foreign Relations, have had an interchange of opinion on this subject, and after a careful survey it is found that the following draft contains all the concessions to England which would stand any chance o being considered or ratified by the Senate: First-The British government must admit its pecuniary liability for the de

predations of the Alabama, Shenandoah Florida and Sumter, and agree to pay an amount of money which shall be deter mined by a commission to be hereafter appointed. Second-A commission of four mem bers shall be agreed upon, each nation appointing two, and these jointly select-

ng an umpire.
Third—This commission shall adjus all claims presented to them by American citizens which arose out of the depre dations committed by any of the abov named privateers, and shalf investigate each case and decide what amount of mency is due for said claims. Fourth-After this class of claims are

settled the commission shall pass upon all other classes of claims by American citizens against England from 1853 up to the present time. The commission will likewise consider all claims of British subjects against the Inited States in the following class o

First-All cases presented by British subjects residing permanently in the Inited States. Second-All cases in which the claim ant is unable to show that he remained

eutral during the late war. Third-Those cases decided finally by admirality courts. The above draft contains the largest concessions which those Senators who

cation by the Senate. It has not been ascertained whether o not this draft differs materially from Mr. Seward's views.

A citizen of Burlington, Vermont, has invented a clock that runs by electricity, and never requires winding. It has only three wheels, no weights or springs, and it is claimed that it has little friction, is not affected by heat, cold, dampness or

A method of sewing boots and shoes THE French have discovered that the with copper wire instead of the common white of an egg given in sweetened water thread, has been patented, the advanis a sure cure for the croup. The rems | tage being that at a very small increase edy is to be repeated till a cure is effect in expense the strength and durability of the work are much improved.

CUSTER'S INDIAN CAP-

Conduct of the Squaws-Bemeanor of the Wounded-Passion for Hard-A correspondent of the New York Herald writes from the scene of Gen. Custer's operations as follows: During the first few days of the

captivity of the squaws of Black

Kettle's band of Cheyennes there was considerable anxiety felt by them. They all expected they were to be killed in retaliation of the Confederate government. That this is so changed, and is working its influence to be killed in retaliation of the atrocities committed by their band. At first the wounded ones refused to go to the hospital, fearing they were the first singled out for vengeance. The soldiers talking to each other not in tones the most gentle and euphonious, and in a language they did not understand, they construed it into a controversy as to when and how they were to be disposed of In constant dread of what disposistay of Congressmen at their homes and of the made of them, several other places of holiday resort. It is well of the squaws visited Gen. Sherition was to be made of them, several understood that the Vice President dan's interpreter, Mr. Curtis, and asked him whether they were all to sooner than he meant at first to be killed. When assured that the white man did not kill women and children for what the warriors did. they felt materially relieved. Since then the wounded squaws have appeared more lively and exhibit an unusual feeling of gratitude for the kind treatment they have been receiving. This feeling they manifest

by shaking hands with the surgeon whenever he visits them. The most remarkable instances of fortitude are exhibited in the cases of the wounded Indian chil dren. The desperation of the fighting at the battle of the Oushita on the part of the part of the savages, may be judged from the fact that no to advocate the real repeal of the law, years old, the rest taking up arms male prisoners were taken over eight and joining in the fight. There are now in the hospital several very young boys and girls badly wound ed, but not from a single one of them has come the slightest audible indication of their suffering; yet the expression of their face, the wild glance of their eyes, betray that they do suffer. During such painful operations as probing and cleansing out their wounds, placing the thumb on one temple and stretching the hand across the forehead, fixing the second finger on the temple opposite they close their eyes and patiently submit to such operations as the teachings of surgery require. One fight it out on that line if it takes all his a bullet hole through her body, on the left side, and yet she is up an makes no complaints. All the wounded squaws and children rode in on their ponies, refusing to have any thing to do with ambulances. An other singular feature in the wound ed is the peculiarly offensive odor of the sloughing wounds.

The well squaws are still en camped with the cavalry, and seem deliverance and those who incline to o be contented with their lot. The male children amuse themselves throwing reeds, as if they were spears, at different objects, thus dis-Jenckey civil service hill. They profes daying the cultivation of their ex anding merit as future warriors. Grant are heartily in favor of it, and that

Among the trophies brought in was a handsome lodge, which be longs to General Custer. To-day this was unloaded from the wagon. and having sent for several squaws. the General had the lodge put up in true Indian styl . This is part of the duties of the squaws, and in : very few minutes they displayed their proficiency to an extent which surprised every one. The lodge i of skins, and perfectly white. It is not at all surprising that the loss of their lodges is looked upon by the savages as so great a calamity. The number of skins, the proper tanning of them, fitting and stitching them together, constitute evidently a labor and expense of considerable magnitude. In setting up lodge, the squaws get around with the lodge poles in their hands; these they took at the upper extremities and set them in position forming the skeleton of the lodge The lodge skin, one end attached to a pole, is laid in an upright posibeen received, your correspondent has tion against the lodge poles already endeavored to ascertain the kind of up the skin is then unrolled and up; the skin is then unrolled and wrapped around the outside over the lodge poles. The ends are then fastened with thongs, leaving an perture about three feet high for an entrance, and at the top for the

erress of smoke. The captives, sick and well, have not lost apetite or flesh since in our | Bargains in Hosiery. ands. Their capacities for stow ng away food are truly amazing Hard tack to them is a great lux ury, and old and young, sick and well, devour it with all the relish of the choicest and richest cake.

CHANGES IN THIRTEEN YEARS. In 1855, Mr. Buchanan was Minister o England.—Captain George B. McClelan was detailed on secret service in the harbor of Cuba, under instructions from the Secretary of War. Gen. Quitman, Lieutenant Beauregard and others were dotting fillbustering raids against the sland, for which the government soon after made an offer of \$100,000,000. Parson Brownlow had written a savage work n defense of slavery, and was challeng ing Northern clergymen to dispute its divine authority. Gerrit: Smith, Dr. Howe, Henry Ward Beecher, and a few undred others were doing a quiet and mited business over the underground railway. John Brown had not yet left his farm in the Northern wild. An obsoure individual remembered by a few as having once represented Sangamon district, Illinois, in the House, and opposed the Mexican war in an awkward isingenuous and extremely unpopular argument, received a few complimentary votes for Vices President, in competition with Mr. Dayton, the nominee. Capt. U Grant, hardly suspected of being an ex-army officer by those who bought nolasses or cord wood of him, was genefally taken for a stesmboat captain temporarily stranded by a stress of illhave studied the question thoroughly are luck, or who hardly had the energy and willing to make; and anything which pluck to succeed in any business calling, and therefore collarsed into a specin sundries. W. T. Sherman was teaching in Louisiana, Gen. Sickles, Butler and Logan were rough-and-tumble Democratic lawyers of some notoriety. Two

E Lee - Albany Argus. A Boston writer says of a singer that her intonation is always pure as gold, jarring. A single clock and battery can and her mastery of the portmente, messare di voce, diatonic and chromatic scales, trills, apeggiators, gruppetti and staccari is such as to stamp her an artist of high rank and merit"

f the most prominent and promising

officers of our little army were Col Albert

Sidney Johnson and Lieut Col. Robert

Tue laws of Rhode Island still require a property qualification of all naturalized voters. A Suffrage association, in Providence, has been formed to influence publie opinion against this restriction.

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